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## LOBBYING REPORT

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1. Registrant Name ☒ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

**NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported

Address1 **4121 WILSON BOULEVARD** Address2 **TENTH FLOOR**  
City **ARLINGTON** State **VA** Zip Code **22203** - Country **USA**

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

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b. Telephone Number

c. E-mail

5. Senate ID#

**TOM WACKER**

☐ International Number

(703) 351-2039

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7. Client Name ☒ Self ☐ Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality

6. House ID#

**NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

**310600000**

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year **2011** Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☒ Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☐ Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☐ Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

### INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

#### 12. Lobbying

**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

#### 13. Organizations

**EXPENSE** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☒ \$ **\$290,000.00**

#### 14. REPORTING

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☒ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Filed Electronically

Date **04/19/2011**

Printed Name and Title **James L. Bass, Esq. General Counsel**

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Add additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code

BUD

BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

The association follows the federal budget and appropriations process as it relates to agencies, and their respective policies, that have jurisdiction over rural telecommunications matters. For example, the association monitors the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and the budget, programs, and policies of each. During the reporting period NTCA

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Agriculture - Dept of (USDA)

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Tom	Wacker			<input type="checkbox"/>
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Adam	Healy			<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☒ Check if None

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focused particular attention on the following:

**Appropriations:**

H.R.1, to provide continuing appropriations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011, Sections dealing with the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS), the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

HJRes 48, to provide continuing appropriations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011, Sections dealing with the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS), the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

HJRes 44, to provide continuing appropriations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011, Sections dealing with the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS), the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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ECN

ECONOMICS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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16. Specific lobbying issues

The association monitors initiatives tied to rural and community economic development which typically have a direct connection to the type and level of communications services that may be available in a rural community or market area, and that are often important to the survival of such communities and market areas. During the reporting period no introduced measures in this category were focused upon.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

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15. General issue area code

INSINSURANCE

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16. Specific lobbying issues

The association monitors and reacts to policy concepts that may impact its ability to continue providing its high quality Group Health Plan to members, their employees, and the association staff at affordable rates and on reasonable terms and conditions. During the reporting period no introduced bills in this category were focused upon.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies
☐ Check if None

U.S. SENATE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HR 2 The Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, effective as of its enactment. Restores provisions of law amended by such Act, all sections.

HRes9 To require each of the following House Committees to report to the House legislation, within its jurisdiction, proposing specified changes to existing law (including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act): (1) the Committee on Education and the Workforce; (2) the Committee on Energy and Commerce; (3) the Committee on the Judiciary; and (4) the Committee on Ways and Means, all sections.

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15. General issue area code

RET

RETIREMENT

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

The association monitors and reacts to policy concepts that may impact its ability to continue offering its high quality Retirement Security Plans to members, their employees, and the association staff at affordable rates and on reasonable terms and conditions. During the reporting period no introduced bills in this category were focused upon.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

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15. General issue area code

TAX

TAXATION/INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

The association monitors and reacts to policy concepts that may impact the ability of its members to function in an operationally sound and successful manner as well as measures that may affect the ultimate transfer of such businesses. During the reporting period no introduced bills in this category were focused upon.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

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HR 4 The Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act of 2011 to amend the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) repeal requirements for the reporting to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of payments of \$600 or more to corporations that are not tax-exempt and of gross proceeds paid in consideration for any type of property; (2) repeal requirements for reporting payments made with respect to rental property which is not part of a trade or business; and (3) increase, for taxable years ending after December 31, 2013, the advance applicable dollar amount of the tax credit for health care premium assistance for taxpayers whose household income is less than 400% of the poverty line, all sections.

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15. General issue area code

TEC

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

The association monitors and reacts to policy concepts that will impact the operations of rural telecommunications providers, their consumers, and/or the association. The associations underlying interest is pursuing a policy environment that allows its members to continue effectively serving rural economically challenging markets.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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The association bases its approaches on whether or not policies are flexible in their application to rural carriers that have different needs and capabilities and that have far different economies of scale and competitive opportunities than larger carriers. During the reporting period, the association focused on the following introduced bills:

HJRes 37 - A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices, all sections.

S 28 - Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act to provide spectrum to the public safety community, all sections

S 297 - The Antideficiency Act to amends the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that the universal service fund is not subject to the provisions of this act, all sections.

S 455 - The Developing Incentives and Opportunistic Sharing Act or the RADIOS Act to provide spectrum for a public safety spectrum communications plan, all sections.

S 611 The FCC Tech Technical Expertise Capacity Heightening Act or the FCC TECH Act to permit each FCC commissioner to appoint an electrical engineer or computer scientist to provide technical consultation and to interface with the Office of Engineering and Technology and other Federal Communications Commission (FCC) bureaus and technical staff, all sections.

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15. General issue area code 

SMB

SMALL BUSINESS

 (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

The association monitors and responds to policy issues that impact the ability of its members to comply with the Sarbanes Oxley corporate responsibility law and related regulations. During the reporting period the association discussed compliance aspects of this law as well as other small business operational issues that confront NTCAs small rural communications provider members. During the reporting period the following introduced bills were focused upon:

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. SENATE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Small Business Adminstration (SBA)

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S 358 The Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act of 2011 to set forth general requirements for the federal regulatory system, including the protection of public health, welfare, safety, and the environment, the promotion of predictability in the regulatory process, and the consideration of benefits and costs of regulations.